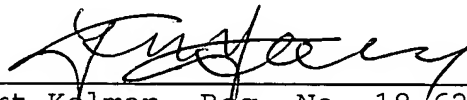


REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The claims have been amended in accordance with the Examiner's requirements to overcome the objections and rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112. The claims otherwise having been indicated as allowable, there appears to remain no issued at bar. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-4 are respectfully solicited.

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